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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 24, 2003

**1. Call to Order.**

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Jerome C. Daniel, at 7:32 p.m. on March 24, 2003 at Camp Max Straus, 1041 Shirley Jean Street, Glendale, California.

**2. Administration of oath of office to new Conservancy member.**

The oath of office was administered to Conservancy member Heather Barnett.

**3. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Heather Barnett, Hal Ross, Woody Smeck, Jonathan Zasloff, Elizabeth Cheadle, Vice Chair, and Jerome C. Daniel, Chair. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., Linda Parks, and Hayden Sohm.

The following Legislative member designees were present: Laura Plotkin, Mary Sue Maurer, and Susan McEntire. The following Legislative member designees were absent: Carolyn Kraft, George Magallanes, and Henry Lo.

**4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Caroline Brown, Ed Corridori, Alyse Lazar, Lesley Devine, Terre Hirsch, Mark Johnson, Barry Read, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Richard Gould, Alan Kishbaugh, Thomas Seifert, Charles Beatty, Marc Stirdivant, Kenneth Warner, and George Lange, Chair. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Dave Brown, Jeff Jennings, Paul Rockenstein, Nancy Stephens, Timothy Wendler, and Don Robinson, Vice Chair. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti, and Nancy Stephens.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; MRCA staff: Reva Feldman, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief of Operations; Stephanie Landregan, Chief of Landscape Architecture and Design; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Urban Programs; Cara McLane, Deputy Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Jan Wolterstorff, Public Outreach Coordinator and Project Analyst; Lisa Venable, Administrative Assistant, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Nedra Austin, Deputy Attorney General.

## **5. Minutes.**

The minutes of February 24, 2003 were submitted for approval.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Cheadle, and Mr. Lange.

The minutes of February 24, 2003 were adopted as amended.

## **6. Reports.**

Comments were made by the Chair, Mr. Ross, and Ms. McEntire.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine and Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by Messrs. Beatty and Seifert.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Warner.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Cheadle.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins, the Chair, and Mr. Smeck.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Edelman.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Miller.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ms. Lethbridge.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Mr. Young.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Mr. Stirdivant, the Executive Director, Ms. Mikos, and Ms. Briner-Schmidt.

**7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

No comments were made.

**8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Debra Bauman, member of public.

Robert Staley, representing the Altadena Foothills Conservancy.

Don Mullaly, member of public, on item 9(a).

Linette Campy, member of public, on items 9(b) and 9(c).

Comments were made by Ms. Collins regarding the addition of two emergency items to the Conservancy Agenda pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.3.

A roll call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Beatty, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adding emergency item 14(a) to the agenda.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy added emergency item 14(a) to the agenda.

A roll call vote was administered.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adding emergency item 15(a) to the agenda.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy added emergency item 15(a) to the agenda.

**9. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept an approximately 73 acre donation comprised of portions of APNs 2827-011-003, 006, 007 and 008; 2827-030-004 and 005, from Gate-King Partners, Santa Clarita.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority grant funds to North East Trees for a study of recreational sites in Northeast Los Angeles.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority grant funds to North East Trees for construction of young children's soccer practice field at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.**

- (d) **Consideration of resolution adopting the Calabasas Highlands-Adjacent Project Plan and amending the boundaries of said project in the 2000 Land Acquisition Workprogram.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire a 12-acre set of Los Angeles County surplus properties in the Calabasas Highlands subdivision (APNs 2072-002-900; 2072-007-901, 902, and 903; 2072-021-900 and 901; 2072-022-900, 901, and 902), Calabasas.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for a Metropolitan Water District grant to provide interpretive signage and installation of two native drought tolerant gardens in Temescal Gateway Park.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately 3.7 acres (APN 4456-037-045) along Piuma Road, using Proposition A 1996 funds, unincorporated Malibu area.**
- (h) **Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 03-05 to authorize a grant to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to conduct a feasibility study for a regional county open space park in Browns/Devil Canyon Watersheds, unincorporated Chatsworth area.**
- (i) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the implementation of the Temescal Master Plan Phase I.**
- (j) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the implementation of Los Angeles River Center and Gardens improvements Phase I.**
- (k) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Altadena Foothills Conservancy from the Proposition 40 Non-Profit Matching Grant Program for an approximately 1.5 acre land acquisition in the Chaney Trail Corridor (APN 5830-018-001), unincorporated Altadena.**
- (l) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Valley Leadership Institute for programs to identify, educate, and prepare for issues vital to the San Fernando Valley and surrounding region.**

Items 9(c) and 9(g) were removed from the agenda.

Items 9(e), 9(i), 9(j) and 9(l) were removed from the Consent Calender.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Beatty, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 03-32, 03-33, 03-35, 03-37, 03-39, and 03-42.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 03-32, 03-33, 03-35, 03-37, 03-39, and 03-42.

*(The full text of these resolutions are attached.)*

**9(e). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire a 12-acre set of Los Angeles County surplus properties in the Calabasas Highlands subdivision (APNs 2072-002-900; 2072-007-901, 902, and 903; 2072-021-900 and 901; 2072-022-900, 901, and 902), Calabasas.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Ms. Barnett was noted as recusing herself from this item.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-36.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-36.

**9(i). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the implementation of the Temescal Master Plan Phase I.**

Ms. Barnett was noted as recusing herself from this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Warner, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-40.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-40.

**9(j). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the implementation of Los Angeles River Center and Gardens improvements Phase I.**

Ms. Barnett was noted as recusing herself from this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-41.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-41.

**9(l). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Valley Leadership Institute for programs to identify, educate, and prepare for issues vital to the San Fernando Valley and surrounding region.**

The Chair was noted as recusing himself from this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-43.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-43.

**9. Consideration of resolution authorizing mid-year amendments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Fiscal Year 2002-03 budget.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Heschel School, unincorporated Agoura Hills.**

The staff report for this item was presented by Mr. Edelman.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei, Mr. Corridori, and Ms. Palmer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-45.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-45.

Comments were made by Ms. Cheadle.

**11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 40 Local Agency Matching grant to the City of Glendale for improvements of the Le Mesnager historic site, Deukmejian Wilderness Park, Glendale.**

Comments were made by Ms. Skei and Mr. Reese.



Questions were propounded by Ms. Lazar.

Comments were made by Mr. Reese.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Lazar.

Comments were made by Mr. Reese.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-46.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-46.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 40 Non-Profit Matching grant to the Mountains Restoration Trust for an approximately 2.2 acre land acquisition of Headwaters Corner (APN 2069-016-039), Calabasas.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-47.

Comments were made by Ms. Divine.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-47.

Comments were made by Mr. Portantino and the Chair.

**13. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire an option on approximately 1,732 acres in Joughin Ranch (APNs 2821-001-017; 2821-002-017, 018, 019, 020, 021; 2821-003-006, 010; 2821-**

**008-019; 2826-015-033, 034, 035, 037, 038; 2826-016-036, 037, 041, 042, 043, 047, 048, 051, 052, and 053), Santa Mountains, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Comments were made by Mr. Zasloff and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-48.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-48.

- 14. Consideration of resolution amending the Newhall Pass West of Interstate 5 Project Plan and authorizing the acquisition of approximately 7.5 acres in the Newhall Pass (APNs 2827-028-016 and 017) using TEA 21 funds, unincorporated Newhall area.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-49.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Zasloff, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-49.

- 15. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Parker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al., and Albert Allen, Marilyn Stefano, Gloria Tregurtha and BadTax, Inc. v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.***

**15(a). The Conservancy may hold a closed session to consider security precautions for properties and facilities owned and/or managed by the Conservancy or the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(18)(A), (B), (C), and (D). Consultation with: Chief Ranger of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

The Chair called a closed session at 9:40 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 11126 Subdivision (a)(1) to discuss agenda items 14(a) and 15(a).

The Chair reconvened the open session at 9:55 p.m. and announced that the Conservancy received a report on agenda items 14(a) and 15(a).

**14(a). Consideration of resolution awarding a Proposition 12 grant to Mountains Recreation Authority in the amount of \$25,000 for emergency maintenance equipment.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 03-49(a).

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 03-49(a).

**16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 28, 2003.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP  
Executive Director

JEROME C. DANIEL  
Chair